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Title: INTERMETALLIC COMPOUND Ni,Al CATALYST FOR REFORMING METHANOL AND METHANOL REFORMING METHOD USING SAME

of which is described and claimed in:

☐ the attached specification, or
☐ the specification in application Serial No. _____, filed _____, and with amendments through _____, or
☒ the specification in International Application No. PCT/JP2005/001861, filed February 2, 2005, and as amended on _____ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the content of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment(s) referred to above.

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I hereby claim priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 (and §172 if this application is for a Design) of any application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

COUNTRY	APPLICATION NO.	DATE OF FILING	PRIORITY CLAIMED
Japan	2004-025121	February 2, 2004	YES
Japan	2004-245546	August 25, 2004	YES

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56 which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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Title of Invention INTERMETALLIC COMPOUND Ni₃Al CATALYST FOR REFORMING METHANOL AND METHANOL REFORMING METHOD USING SAME